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REMARKS

Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to call out features shown in the drawings as well as supported by the specification. No new matter has been added. Applicant requests the amendment to the specification be accepted.

Claim Rejections

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 3, 2005, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-8. The Examiner rejected claim 8 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In addition, the Examiner rejected this claim as well as the remaining claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicant has amended its claims, cancelled claims 7, 8, 16, 17 and 19-20 and added new claims 21-23. Applicant believes the remaining claims, claims 1-6, 10-15, 18 and 21-23, stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to require, "a pneumatic drive for rotating said drill chuck," "a line for connecting a compressor to said pneumatic drive, said line supported by said extendable stand," and "a coupling for connecting said line to said pneumatic drive, said coupling supported by said extendable stand." These features are not taught by the cited reference. The only reference identified by the Examiner that is asserted to have a pneumatic drive is non-translated German reference, DE 4028972. As a preliminary matter, Applicant requests a translation. Moreover, as understood by Applicant, drill 8 is not, in fact, a pneumatic drill but is instead an electric drill because it is connected to "netzkabel," which translates to an AC power cord. Accordingly, the drill chuck of the drill of 4028972 is not driven by a pneumatic drive. Furthermore, there is no line connecting such a pneumatic drive that rotates that drill chuck to a

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compressor or, for that matter, a coupling that connects the line to the pneumatic drive, the coupling supported by the extendable stand. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependents, claims 2-6, 9 and new claim 21, are in condition for allowance.

For much the same reason, claim 10 is in condition for allowance over the cited references. Independent claim 10 requires, "a pneumatic drive for rotating said drill chuck mounted to said brace." Again, there is no showing of such a drive mounted to any support in the cited references that drives a drill chuck. Accordingly, claim 10 and its dependents, claims 11-15, 18 and new claims 22 and 23, stand in condition for allowance.

New Claims

New claims 21, 22 and 23 have been added. New claim 21 depends upon claim 1, which is allowable. For this reason alone, claim 21 is in condition for allowance. In addition, new claim 21 requires, "said coupling has an exhaust outlet for expelling air from said pneumatic drive." This feature is not taught by the cited references. Therefore, new claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

New claim 22 depends upon claim 10 and requires further, "a coupling for connecting a line from a compressor to said pneumatic drive." This feature is not taught by the cited references. Therefore, new claim 22 is separately allowable.

New claim 23 depends upon claim 22 and requires further, "said coupling has an exhaust outlet for expelling air from said pneumatic drive." Again, this feature is not taught by the cited references. Therefore, new claim 23 is in condition for allowance.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests allowance of claims 1-6, 10-15, 18 and 21-23.

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